(c) the action Government have taken to arrest the illegal trade of kidney in that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Under Section 13(2) of the Transplanation of Human Organs Act, 1994, the State Govenrments are empowered to appoint by a notification one or more officers as Appropriate Authorities for the purposes of the Act. No such cases have been reported by Government of Karnataka to Government of India during last year.

Increase in patients due to costly treatment

†355. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nowadays due to not much difference in conditions of Government Hospitals and Private Hospitals, poor people are not able to get treatment as a result of which the number of patients is increasing constantly;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that concessions being given by his Ministry have been discontinued; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) In so far as three Central Government Hospitals in Delhi, namely, Dr. RML Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and LHMC & Associated Hospitals are concerned, investigations and treatment for poor patients are provided free of cost within the available resources. Keeping in mind the increasing number of patients, special clinics are being run in the afternoon and number of registration counters has been increased in these hospitals.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.